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QUALITY RATING SYSTEMS PLANNING TOOL: STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL-AGE CARE PROGRAMS

Categories of Standards	School-Age Care Programs		
	National AfterSchool Association (NAA) Accreditation: Standards for Quality School-Age Care ¹	State Child Care Licensing Regulations	Other State Program Standards
		<i>Completed by State</i>	<i>Completed by State</i>
Maximum Child:Staff Ratios	8:1-12:1 – under age 6 10:1-15:1 – age 6 and older		
Maximum Group Size	30		
Minimum Staff Qualifications	Group Leader: High School diploma or GED, six credit hours in child and youth development (3) and other areas related to school-age care programming (3), and 18 months of experience. Higher educational qualifications are required if less experience is obtained.		

Notes:

¹ **Source:** *The NSACA Standards for Quality School-Age Care* (1998), by the National School-Age Care Alliance (now the National AfterSchool Association). Information about how to obtain this book is available on the National AfterSchool Association (NAA) Web site at <http://www.naaweb.org/publications.htm>. Additional information about NAA accreditation is available on the Web at <http://www.naaweb.org/>.